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It needs understanding and a sense of fair play  
If you give it all that, you will carry the day

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was recorded as voting "aye" on the passage of H.R. 4 on rollcall 219. I intended to vote "no," and I ask unanimous consent that this statement appear in the permanent Record immediately following the vote.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

## REPEAL OIL TAX BREAKS

(Mr. DASCHLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. Speaker, I do not know how this body, or this Government, can seriously consider cutting social security benefits when it has so recently handed the oil industry almost \$12 billion in brand new tax handouts. I fail to understand how we can talk about equality of sacrifice when we hammer veterans and farmers and children over and over again, then actually invent new tax loopholes for oil.

The bill I introduce today would deal with this gross inequity in a straightforward manner. It would repeal the \$12 billion in tax breaks we gave the oil industry last August.

Everyone in this Congress knows those oil tax breaks were thrown into the tax bill as part of a vote buying war. They are unjustified. They are an insult to the millions of Americans we are asking to sacrifice toward the cause of a balanced budget. They should be repealed without delay.

## TRIBUTE TO NATHANIEL CROSBY

(Mr. RUSSO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, someone once commented that victories that are easy are cheap. Those worth having are the ones that come as the result of hard fighting.

Recently a young man of dauntless determination and commitment was the victor in the 81st U.S. Amateur Golf Championship. It was not an easy win and it came as the result of fighting through the years, not others, but the forces in one's self that can lead one to give up—sometimes you want to give up when you are tired, so you decide not to practice, or you come in out of the rain because you are cold, or give up when you see the competition, and slow down when it looks like the odds are against you.

Nathaniel Crosby never gave up or slowed down and earlier this month it meant the victory he fought for.

Nathaniel has said that, "All I ever wanted was to make my dad proud," and he vowed in 1977, the year his father Bing died, to win a major tournament before he turned 20. He did it. It is that simple—you make a plan, you commit yourself to it, and you do it. And with a style that would surely make his dad proud and the family and friends that were pulling for him, Nathaniel came from behind in the tournament, then sank a dramatic 20-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff. The countless hours of practice showed.

Sports Illustrated described it as a storybook finish, and I agree. And I wish we had more of them. It was a sentimental time and it makes the victory all the sweeter that the desire for it grew from generous impulses and love. I think Nathaniel exemplifies what is good and commendable in our young people who set goals for themselves and I know his mother Kathryn must be especially proud of him—a good student in college, a good citizen, a respectful and loving son who has never taken advantage of his position in a famous family. And he has carried on in the tradition of his father the Crosby family charity assistance, raising \$1 million for charity with last year's Bing Crosby Pro-Am alone.

Asked what his father would have said about the win, Nathaniel replied, "He'd say, 'Kid, don't let it go to your head.'" That is the sort of young man Nathaniel is. It was my pleasure to meet him last year at the Bing Crosby Pro-Am and I can attest to his skill with people as well as golf—he brings the same honesty and concentration to his dealings with people as he does to the greens. He may still be playing amateur, but he is every bit a pro. I know my colleagues join with me in congratulating Nathaniel Crosby on this great victory.

## REASSURING TO KNOW THAT REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS DIRECTLY AIDING AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

(Mr. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, why Anwar Sadat chose to reveal that the United States has been buying old Soviet-made arms from Egypt and secretly supplying them through Pakistan to the Afghan rebels is anyone's guess.

It surely is not helpful to the rebel's cause to make this information public.

But after 4 years of ineptitude and weakness in the White House in dealing with Soviet aggression and adventurism around the world, it certainly is reassuring to the American people to know that this administration is providing direct help to those fighting for freedom against Soviet tyranny and imperialism.

## WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

(Mr. COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, waste, fraud, and abuse are no longer adequate words to describe what is happening in the food stamp program. This year alone, over 600 arrests or indictments have been handed down for illegal food stamp trafficking. In Virginia—40 persons were arrested last week for running a food stamp brokerage operation. In Wichita, Kans.—an undercover agent was nearly shot to death by gangsters bent on illegally selling some \$30,000 worth of food stamps per week. In my home town of Kansas City, Mo.—a lawyer was convicted of conspiracy to violate the food stamp laws. He was accused of illegally purchasing and possessing \$13,000 in food stamps and in New York City criminal violations of \$29 million were reported by the Inspector General to our committee this week.

Things have gotten to the point in this \$11.5 billion program that criminals view food stamps as a second currency with which to buy guns, cars, stolen merchandise, and even illegal drugs.

The Department of Agriculture's Inspector General's office has done much to prosecute food stamp criminals. But they are presently limited in what they can do. Often they must totally rely upon the cooperation of local law-enforcement offices. At other times, undercover agents have found their lives in danger without any real protections.

In order to combat this growing illegal trafficking in food stamps, and to help counter the virtual theft of food from the mouths of the poor, I have introduced H.R. 4530, the Food Stamp Law Enforcement Act of 1981.

This legislation would give certain limited law-enforcement powers to criminal investigators in the USDA's office of the Inspector General. Subject to carefully proscribed rules, to be issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, these law-enforcement investigators would have the authority to carry firearms; to make arrests without warrants for criminal violations committed in their presence; to conduct a search of the premises and to seize evidence involved in these arrests; and, to execute warrants for an arrest where there is probable cause to believe there was a violation of the law.

These may seem like strong measures to propose. They are meant to be. We are no longer just dealing with the abuse of the system by the so-called con artist, but with hardened criminals who are stealing from the truly needy for whom the program exists and from the taxpayers who have been held up once too often.